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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 3,532,147 to Gough et al.	October 6, 1970
1,580,205 - France	September 5, 1969
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2 715 891 - France	August 11, 1995
655 071 - Germany	March 12, 1941
98/35842 - WO	August 20, 1998

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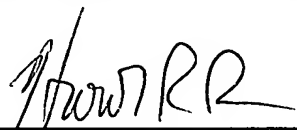
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